

BOONTON TOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION

434 Lathrop Avenue, Boonton, NJ 07005

October 28, 2024

The Boonton Town Board of Education, of Morris County, New Jersey, held a meeting at Boonton High School, 306 Lathrop Ave, Boonton, NJ, at 7:30 pm on October 28, 2024.

The meeting was called to order, and the following statement was read: This is the October 28, 2024, meeting of the Boonton Town Board of Education. Pursuant to Section 5 of the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting was provided to the Daily Record, the Citizen and the Boonton Town Clerk; and posted at the Board of Education Building at 434 Lathrop Avenue, Boonton, New Jersey.

ROLL CALL

Members present at roll call were Mrs. Dawn Caicedo, Mrs. Jennifer Darling, Mrs. Elaine Doherty, Mr. Patrick Joyce, Mrs. Loren Katsakos, Mrs. Irene LeFebvre, Mr. Matthew Mondino, Ms. Brianna O'Halloran, Mr. Daniel Piccioni. Absent was Mr. Christopher Cartelli

Also present were Mr. Thomas Valle, Superintendent and Mr. Steven Gardberg, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Board led the Pledge of Allegiance. Approximately 5 members of the public were in attendance.

ORDER OF THE DAY

A motion was made by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Mr. Piccioni to approve the order of the day. All present voted in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

LIAISON REPORTS

1. John Hill School by Talia Adamo, student representative: Halloween dance, MS sports, water fountains
2. Boonton High School by Ashley Suplicki, SRA President: Pre-K parade, costume contest, pumpkin decorating contest, Red Ribbon Week, Teachers Convention
3. Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) K-8 by Gabriella Lanzo: Bookfairs, fundraising, Tricky Tray, 11/12 membership meeting, crafting night, spirit wear, flocking
4. Home School Association 9-12 by Jennifer Darling: Calendar raffle
5. Town Council: None

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

SUPERINTENDENT

- A. BHS VP: Luisa Iuliano-Cabrera
- B. AP Student Achievement Results

ITEMS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION

A. Minutes

Approval of minutes from previous meetings was moved by Mrs. Darling, seconded by Mr. Joyce, and approved on roll call. YES: Mrs. Darling, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mr. Mondino, Ms. O'Halloran, Mr. Piccioni. NO: None. ABSTAIN: Mrs. Caicedo
ABSENT: Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Doherty

1. Regular and Executive session: October 14, 2024

B. ADMINISTRATION

PK8 Resolutions

Approval of Admin PK8 resolutions #1-9 was moved by Mrs. LeFebvre and seconded by Mrs. Katsakos. YES: Mrs. Caicedo, Mrs. Darling, Mrs. Doherty, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mr. Mondino, Ms. O'Halloran, Mr. Piccioni. NO: None ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Doherty

1. Field Trips: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following field trip destinations for the 2024-2025 school year:

<u>Grade/Group</u>	<u>Destination</u>
Kindergarten	Alstede Farms
Grade 3	Bronx Zoo
Grades 6-8	Patriot's Park
Grades 7 & 8 AVID	Caldwell College

2. 8th Grade Overnight Field Trip: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the 8th grade overnight field trip to Washington, DC for June 3, 2025 – June 5, 2025.
3. Chaperones for 8th Grade Overnight Field Trip: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following staff members and stipends, pending outcome of negotiations, to chaperone the 8th grade overnight field trip to Washington, DC from June 3, 2025 – June 5, 2025:

<u>Staff Member</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Bevin Hughen	\$80.00
Amanda Sheehan	\$80.00
Sara Brogan	\$80.00
Kelli Shiels	\$80.00
Gregg LaPointe	\$80.00
Linden Klein	\$80.00

4. Inclement Weather Co-Advisors: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following Inclement Weather Co-Advisors at John Hill School, at a stipend of \$1,566.00 each, pending outcome of negotiations, for the 2024-2025 school year:

Amy Smith
Bevin Hughen

Kelly Liberati
Gerry Robinson

Michael Aquino

5. Teachers for Parent and Child Title I Nights: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Renee Rivera and Pavlina Mineva as teachers for Parent and Child Title I Nights for K-5 families for the 2024-2025 school year, at the rate of \$40 per hour, pending outcome of negotiations, for up to 4 hours per night.
6. Outside Evaluation: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Dr. Sostre-Oquendo, MD, to conduct a Psychiatric Evaluation for Student State ID# 5756058896-B, at a cost of \$1,000.00.
7. Home Instruction: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the provision of home instruction for Student State ID# 6962093758-B, for up to 10 hours per week, beginning October 21, 2024, with instruction to be provided by Delta-T Group at a rate of \$50.00 per hour.
8. Home Instruction: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the provision of home instruction for the following students for up to 10 hours per week each, beginning October 21, 2024, with instruction to be provided by district approved home instructors at a rate of \$40.00 per hour, pending outcome of negotiations:

Student State ID# 5756058896-B, and
Student State ID# 4080925442-B
9. Professional Services: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Progressive Therapy of New Jersey, LLC to provide BCBA Services at School Street School 3 days a week, at a rate of \$115 per hour, not to exceed \$80,000.00, as well as up to 30 additional hours (if needed), at a rate of \$115 per hour, at School Street School for the 2024-2025 school year.

PK12 Resolutions

Approval of Admin PK12 resolutions #1-8 was moved by Mrs. LeFebvre and seconded by Mrs. Darling. YES: Mrs. Caicedo, Mrs. Darling, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mr. Mondino, Ms. O'Halloran, Mr. Piccioni. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Doherty

1. Appointment of Vice Principal: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the appointment of Luisa Iuliano-Cabrera to the position of Vice Principal, Boonton High School, at a salary of \$120,000, prorated from January 1, 2025 for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year.
2. Acceptance of Letter of Resignation: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board accepts a letter of resignation from Rene Toledo, District Technology Coordinator, effective December 31, 2024, for the purpose of retirement.

\$101.70	10/24/2024 (StAct JHS check Journal)
\$722.50	10/28/2024 (StAct JHS check Journal)
\$875.00	10/28/2024 (ACH StAct JHS)
\$24.00	10/28/2024 (ACH St Act BHS)

2. Professional Development: The Board approves these professional development expenses, in accordance with OMB Guidelines, State travel regulations and/or employee contracts.

Name	Date (s)	Workshop / Conference	Total Cost
Melanie DiBartolo	10/30/2024	Mental Health Toolbox for CST West Orange, NJ	\$12.88
Rebecca Kipp-Newbold	10/28/24	Regional Preschool Administrator Meeting, New Brunswick, NJ	\$42.30
Sandra Greene	11/20/24, 2/5/25	Geometry Articulation Bloomfield, NJ	\$17.86
James Haag	11/20/24, 2/5/25	Geometry Articulation Bloomfield, NJ	\$17.86
Monica Nieves	12/11/24	Helping English Learners ELL Program	\$225.00
John Sisto	11/17 - 11/19/24	AOPA STEM Symposium Atlanta, GA	\$1,581.10
Vicki Cornell	11/17 - 11/19/24	AOPA STEM Symposium Atlanta, GA	\$1,648.89
Jennifer Coleman	11/15/24	Special Education Director Toolkit, Monroe Township, NJ	\$200.41
Peter Nosal	11/13/24	Using an MTSS Approach for Social, Emotional & Behavioral Support, Virtual	\$75.00

3. Use of Facilities: The Board approves the District Facilities Use List of 10/28/2024 to organizations, provided all required documents are submitted. District teams have priority. No activities on days school is closed. Use of all gyms and fields are coordinated with Mr. Huguen, Athletic Director. All permits are pending building administration final approval and receipt of documentation.

Permit #	Requested by / Facility / Dates
2410-0012	CYO Basketball; Game BHS Main Gym & Locker Rooms Sunday 11/3/2024 (9:00 AM – 5:00 PM)
2410-0013	CYO Basketball; Games BHS Main Gym & Locker Rooms Sunday 11/10/2024 (9:00 AM – 5:00 PM)
2410-0014	CYO Basketball; Games BHS Main Gym & Locker Rooms Sundays 11/17/2024-2/9/2025 (9:00 AM – 5:00 PM) NO ACCESS WHEN SCHOOL IS CLOSED

2410-0015 Junior Bombers Wrestling; Practice
BHS Aux Gym
Mondays-Thursdays 11/11/2024 – 2/13/2025 (5:15 - 8:30 PM)

2410-0016 Boonton Parks & Recreation; Volleyball
JHS Gym
Tuesday 10/29/2024 (6:10 – 8:00 PM)

4. Professional Service: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Preferred Home Health Care & Nursing Services, Inc. to provide nursing services at \$65 per hour for the 2023-2024 school year.
5. Professional Service: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Best Choice Home Care to provide nursing services at \$71 per hour for the 2023-2024 school year.
6. M-1 and Comprehensive Maintenance Plan: The Board approves submission of the M-1 and Comprehensive Maintenance Plan for the 2024-2025 school year to the Department of Education.

D. POLICY

None

E. DISTRICT WIDE HIB REPORT

On a motion by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Mr. Joyce, the Board approved by roll call to affirm the findings and recommendations of the Superintendent on the following Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying complaints: BHS #1-2

YES: Mrs. Caicedo, Mrs. Darling, Mrs. Doherty, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mr. Mondino, Ms. O'Halloran, Mr. Piccioni. NO: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Doherty.

F. OTHER BUSINESS

None

REPORTS FROM BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

1. HS Committee by Mrs. LeFebvre: 11/18 meeting, send-receive
2. Curriculum by Mrs. Katsakos: None
3. Community Relations by Mr. Mondino: None
4. Communications/Legislation by Mrs. LeFebvre: Sessions at NJSBA Workshop
5. ESC by Mrs. LeFebvre: None
6. MCSBA by Mrs. Darling: 12/4 meeting
7. NJSBA by Mrs. LeFebvre: Nominations for the next 2-year cycle officer positions

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

Steve Bosson: Question about AP Psych

OTHER BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

1. Next meeting is November 11, 2024
2. Committee at the whole start at 7:00 pm

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion at 8:29 pm by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Mr. Piccioni, all present voted to approve the following resolution to enter Executive Session.

Be it resolved, that the following portion of this meeting dealing with the following generally described matters shall not be open to the public: Personnel matters; Current or Potential Litigation; and Matters of Attorney/Client Privilege. Be it further resolved, that it is anticipated that the matters to be considered in private may be disclosed to the public at a later date when confidentiality is no longer required. Be it further resolved, that private consideration is deemed required and is permitted because of the following noted exceptions set forth in the Open Public Meetings Act: Would constitute an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy; Related to investigation of violations or possible violations of the law; Related to pending/anticipated litigation or contract negotiations in which the Public body is or may be a party; and Falls within the attorney-client privilege and confidentiality is required.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN

On a motion at 9:01 pm by Ms. O'Halloran and seconded by Mrs. Katsakos, all present voted to adjourn executive session and return to open session.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion at 9:02 pm by Mr. Piccioni and seconded by Mr. Joyce, all present voted to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Gardberg
Board Secretary

BOARD APPROVAL: